Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the title with the following amended title:

OPTICAL STORAGE MEDIUM HAVING DISTORTION REGIONS, AND A METHOD OF MODIFYING AN OPTICAL STORAGE MEDIUM TO INCLUDE DISTORTION REGIONS

Please replace the paragraphs at page 10, line 16 - page 11, line 5 with the following amended paragraphs:

FIGs. 4A-4C are ~~FIG. 4 is a~~ cross-sectional diagrams ~~diagram~~ illustrating instances of concave selective distortion on single-sided optical media, both exposed to the surrounding atmosphere and concealed via a layer of sealant material, in accordance with the present invention.

FIGs. 5A-5C are ~~FIG. 5 is a~~ cross-sectional diagrams ~~diagram~~ illustrating instances of concave selective distortion on double-sided optical media, both exposed to the surrounding atmosphere and concealed via a layer of sealant material, in accordance with the present invention.

FIGs. 6A-6C are ~~FIG. 6 is a~~ cross-sectional diagrams ~~diagram~~ illustrating instances of complex concave and/or convex selective distortion on single-sided optical media, both exposed to the surrounding atmosphere and concealed via a layer of sealant material, in accordance with the present invention.

FIGs. 7A-7C are ~~FIG. 7 is a~~ cross-sectional diagrams ~~diagram~~ illustrating instances of complex concave and/or convex selective distortion on double-sided optical media, both exposed

to the surrounding atmosphere and concealed via a layer of sealant material, in accordance with the present invention.

Please replace the paragraphs at page 11, lines 28-30 with the following amended paragraphs:

FIGs. 15A-15C are ~~FIG. 15 is a~~ side views ~~view~~ illustrating means for controlling the degree of selective distortion according to the severity of concavity in the surface of the media, in accordance with the present invention.

Please replace the Abstract paragraph at page 33, lines 4-11 with the following amended paragraph:

Theft, distribution, and piracy of digital content on optical media (software, video, audio, e-books, any content of any kind that is digitally stored and distributed) is often accomplished by copying it directly to another disc using commonly available copy tools and recordable optical media, or the copying of media to another mass manufactured disc. Methods which cause the copy process to become lengthy and inconvenient, or which produce copies that are significantly measurably different from the original and therefore be recognizable as copies, ~~may~~ deter or prevent an unauthorized individual from making copies. This is accomplished by modifying the optical path of an optical medium to include regions of selective distortion. This, in turn, modifies the read operation of the data in the regions, which can be used to identify and authenticate the medium. ~~This offers significant advantages to content creators who wish to protect their products.~~